

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

1301 Golden Springs Road, Anniston, AL 36207

Rev. John G. McDonald, Pastor

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Year A



## *The Rising of Lazarus* *Luca Giordano (1632–1705)*

### Parish Mission Statement

We, the faith community of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, in striving to be like Christ, are committed to living the Gospel by participating in the Sacraments, promoting spiritual growth and religious education, and being an example of His Eucharistic love.

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### MASS TIMES

**Saturday**  
Reconciliation 2:30PM-3:30PM  
Mass 4:00 PM  
**Sunday**  
Mass 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM,  
1:00 PM (Misa en Español)

# A Message from our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

The preface of the Mass this Sunday tells us: “As true man, [Jesus] wept for Lazarus his friend, and as eternal God, raised him from the tomb.” This poetic and beautiful phrase captures for us the essence of this mystery, because Jesus feels the human sorrow for the loss of life but has power to restore life in the Resurrection. The miraculous act of raising Lazarus from the dead taught everyone who witnessed it that Jesus is capable of giving new life. The human person is always dying, but that dying is transformed when we think of it as constant dying to self and being more and more born to Christ and the eternal life He gives.

As a priest, I am often with people at the end of this life and I have seen a huge variety of emotions and reactions to the moment of death, both in the person and in the family surrounding him/her. It has become a rarer experience that the person dying or the family surrounding them can express the faith and feeling of St. Martha in today’s Gospel. She is sad at the death of her beloved brother, but she is perfectly confident he will live forever in the Resurrection on the last day. St. Martha is actually the first person in the Gospels to make this statement of faith so clearly. She has been paying attention to all of the words and actions of Jesus, and so even in the midst of her sorrow, she is consoled by the promise of eternal life.

As we draw close to Holy Week and Easter, we are all confronted with the death of the Savior, His suffering, and the suffering of those who loved Him. Their suffering was not in vain, and it is not the end of the story. As we deepen our understanding of the power of the Resurrection of Our Lord, and come to join our lives to His, believing in the promise of the Resurrection for ourselves, we will be able to embrace the sufferings and challenges of this life in a new and holier way. It is not this world that gives light to our lives, but rather the world that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have prepared for us once our body and soul are reunited in the Resurrection from the dead, the promise of eternal life  
In His Most Sacred Heart,

*Fr. John*

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic or completing your sacraments? We invite you to join us for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes on Wednesday evenings. These sessions are designed for adults who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation. Come explore the Catholic faith in a warm, supportive environment. No commitment is necessary to begin—just curiosity and an open heart! Contact the church office for more information.



**Grass Cutting Schedule** Mar 29~ Apr 11  
Team 1 Coordinator, Robbie Morrison  
Joe Meier, Mark Proper, Michelle Proper  
Britton Proper, Geraldo Mancillas,  
Henry Mancillas

# **SIGN UP**

It is not too late to sign up to help with the grass cutting ministry! Call the church office!

**Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Parish Life Center Debt Reduction**

Loan Amount: \$1,424,299.66

Current Loan Balance: \$1,198,671.30

Monthly Payment: \$15,717.74

Total Construction: \$2,665,220.00

Building Fund Collections:

March 1<sup>st</sup>: \$4,400.00    March 8<sup>th</sup>: \$4,993.00

March 15<sup>th</sup>: \$2,903.33

***This Week* at Sacred Heart**

*Sunday*

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass en español

6:00pm-Seven Last Words

*Monday*

10:00am St. Hildegards

*Tuesday*

7:00am-Mass

*Wednesday*

7am-Mass

6:00pm-PSR/Religious Education

*Thursday*

7am-Mass

*Friday*

7am-Mass

Adoration

Stations of the Cross 5:30pm

Benediction

Knights Fish Fry 5pm-7pm

*Saturday*

2:30pm- Reconciliation

4:00pm - Mass

*Sunday*

8:30am Mass

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Misa en español

5:00pm-Vietnamese Mass

Mass in Vietnamese

Xin Thông báo, Cha Thanh sẽ Dâng Thánh

Lễ cho cộng đoàn Việt Nam vào lúc

5:00pm chiều Chúa Nhật ngày 29 tháng 3

Cha sẽ ngồi tòa giải tội từ 4:15pm-4:50pm.

Gia đình nào muốn ghi danh vào cộng đoàn

thì xin liên lạc anh Sỹ 256-225-2247

**The Knights of Columbus**

will be presenting two scholarships this year to two Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church graduating high school seniors. There is one \$1,000 scholarship and one \$500 scholarship. There are applications available in the Narthex.

The selection of the winning candidate will be made by May 15, 2026 and will be notified shortly thereafter.



The Ladies Guild is hosting a Baby Shower for the Center of Concern. A portable playpen will be in the narthex to collect NEW (unused or unopened) items such as baby shampoo, lotion, socks, onesies, bibs, jars of babyfood, disposable diapers, diaper cream and anything else you think parents might need for their newborns. All items will be taken to the Center. Thank you for anything you can give.



**Knights of Columbus  
Fish Fry**

Fridays during Lent

5pm-7pm

**Bev Roberts Scholarship Application**

There are applications in the narthex for seniors graduating from high school. Application deadline is April 18, 2026.

Sponsored by the Ladies Guild.



**Sacred Heart Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society** is a newly formed charitable organization at Sacred Heart Parish. SVdP Conferences are parish-based groups where caring members—called Vincentians—come together to help neighbors in need. They listen, offer support (sometimes financial), and connect people with community resources that bring hope and dignity during tough times. It's all about neighbors helping neighbors. If you are someone you know might be in need of assistance, please have them call 256-485-0275 and leave a message.



**Seven Last Words  
Tonight,  
March 22nd,  
6:30 pm.**

**Prelude Music  
begins at 6:00pm**

## Daily Mass Schedule

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
4pm--Mary J Rhodes

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
8:30am--Slade Boothe  
11:00am--Mary J Rhodes  
1:00pm- Parish Family

**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
7am- Nancy Armstrong

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
7am- +Charles Armstrong

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
7am- +Fred Henderson

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
7am--Martha George Trask

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
4pm--+Marcy Portuese

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30am-Parish Family  
11:00am--Robert Moore  
1:00pm- +Bertha Isabel Roblero Rivera  
5pm--- *Ad Intentionem Dantis*

## Prayers Requested

Cathy Little, Kitty Moore, Migdalia Santiago, Jim Roberts, Andrew and Kathy Wackerle, Teresa Atkins, Nan Estes, Carolyn Brouillette, Isabela Gomez, Telly & Michelle Munn, Robert Pate, Janet Reese, Connie Pollard, Bobby Yates, Lillian Jennings, Jessica Haas, Benny & Marilyn Holderfield, Gail Foster, Stephanie Velasquez, Judy Myers, Rita Lindsey, Janet Griffin, Elizabeth-Anne Heathcock, Diane Seales, Debbie Buzan, Julianne & Oliver Semmes, Tom Beam, Sharon Coverstone, Chris Warden, Michael Ingram, Sandie Pasquinelli, Bob Anderson, Allison Doyal, Sandy Demarois, Sheri Ballard, Cameron Chenard, Samantha Presson, Shirley Koshan, Scott Presson, Jim Pierce, Paula and Mark Crews, Jamie and Misty Seehafer, Jane Eldemire, Jim Coverstone, Florence Harvey, Sharon Palomba, Trent Jones, Linda Chenard, Paul Gilliland, Pauline Anderson, Tidwell Yates, Mark Scheuring, Paul Guyer, Howard Family, Dian Pepe, Thu Nguyen, Robin Woolsey, Bob Patty, Yessica Ramirez, Noel Glanze, Tony Burgess, Sue Clement

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

**Sat, March 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM**

**Lector**-Gretchen Elliott  
**Eucharistic Minister**-Deacon Cova  
**Altar Servers**- Efe Sevgi, Evan and Dean Lombardi, Jeleany Becerra  
**Ushers**- Bill Martin, Ximena Martinez  
**Sacristan**- Keila Sevgi, Susan Watson  
**Hospitality**-Linda Chenard

**Sun, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM (with Choir)**

**Lector**-Lanelle Cova  
**Eucharistic Minister**-Deacon Cova  
**Eucharistic M. (Choir)**Cathy Fockele  
**Altar Servers**-Henry & Tony Mancillas, Paul and Sam Maniscalco, Piper Moreau  
**Usher**-Felipe and Danae Gijion  
**Sacristan**-Yvonne Boothe, Lindsey Tyson  
**Hospitality**-Laura Pratt

**Sun, 11:00 AM (w/o Choir)**

**Lector**-Toni Zinn  
**Eucharistic Minister**-Deacon Cova  
**Altar Servers**- Andrew, Melanie and Cofield, Gabriella Flores, Angela Prince, Miranda Alvarez  
**Usher**- Nick Shell, sub requested  
**Sacristan**-Mike Kline, Judy Myers  
**Hospitality**-Delinda Garcia

### Hospital Ministry-

March 17<sup>th</sup> -March 23<sup>rd</sup> -Al and Sally Smith  
March 24<sup>th</sup> - March 30<sup>th</sup> David Hopper

**Mass Attendance**  
March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
4:00pm-178  
8:30am-331  
11:00am-266  
1:00pm-423

### UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 29<sup>th</sup>

- Mt 21:1-11
- Is 50:4-7
- Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
- Phil 2:6-11
- Mt 26:14-27:66 or

**Weekly Offertory**  
**March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Offertory:**\$13,431.00  
**Online:** \$2,615.52  
**Total:** \$16,046.52  
**CRS**  
\$3,536.00

## Online Giving

You can make your offertory gift by scanning the QR code which links directly to our online giving website.

SCAN ME



## Pope's Prayer Intention

March 2026

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



## Lent 2026

A Time of Grace and Conversion  
**Fridays in Lent**

Mass 7:00am Exposition 8:00am  
**Adoration 8:00am-4:30pm**  
Stations of the Cross 5:30pm.  
**No Benediction this Week.**

### Seven Last Words

Sunday, March 22nd, 6:00pm

### Holy Week

Holy Thursday, April 2nd, 6:30pm  
Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Stations 3:00pm Veneration of the Cross  
6:30pm

### Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday

Saturday, 8pm Easter Vigil  
Sunday Mass 8:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm